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### A note on *Oedemera lurida* (Marsham) (Col.: Oedemeridae) in North London (Middlesex)

Further to the discussion of *Oedemera lurida* by Laurence Clemons (*Ent. Rec.* **111**: 141-143) and Roger Morris (*Ent. Rec.* **112**: 265), I can comment upon its occurrence on Coppett's Wood which abuts my garden. Here the species has been noted as widespread on scrubland and grassland June-August (1985, *Coppett's Wood and Environs as a Local Nature Reserve, Wildlife Survey and Management Proposals*, London Wildlife Trust: 57). Formerly, the eastern area of the woodland had been the site of a sewage works which closed in 1963 and for the following two years was used as a rubbish tip and dumped to a depth of approximately 20 feet; also overflows of sewage have occurred into the wood and various developments have occurred around the boundaries of the site. Thus the area would fit Mr Morris's association of *O. lurida* with "ruderal habitats such as waste ground and roadside verges". Mr Morris notes its occurrence on ox-eye daisy *Leucanthemum vulgare* L., to which I can add spear thistle *Cirsium vulgare* (Savi) and bindweed *Convolvulus arvensis* L. Oedemeridae are pollen feeders. I have not seen *Oedemera nobilis* (Scopoli) in the area.— K. G. V. SMITH, 70 Hollickwood Avenue, London N12 0LT.